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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

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Petition by Neustar, Inc., as the North American Numbering)

Plan Administrator and on behalf of the Massachusetts) D.T.E. 00-64

Telecommunications industry, for area code relief for the)

413 area code in Western Massachusetts)

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PETITION TO INTERVENE OF WORLDCOM, INC.

Pursuant to 220 C.M.R. §1.03(1) of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (the "Department"), WorldCom, Inc. ("WorldCom"), on behalf of itself and its affiliated entities that provide telecommunications services in Massachusetts, hereby petitions the Department for leave to intervene as a party in this proceeding. WorldCom's principal offices are located at 500 Clinton Center Drive, Clinton, Mississippi 39056. As grounds for its Petition, WorldCom states as follows:

Though various operating subsidiaries, WorldCom is authorized to offer domestic interstate, intrastate, local and international telecommunications services in each of the fifty states and the District of Columbia, and is a common carrier of telecommunications services authorized by the Department to provide interLATA and intraLATA services in Massachusetts;

On September 7, 2000, the Department initiated an investigation to determine an area relief plan for the 413 area code in western Massachusetts;

As a common carrier offering telecommunications services within the Commonwealth, WorldCom and its customers will require access to new telephone numbers in the 413 area code. Indeed, WorldCom already has several NXXs assigned to it in the 413 area code. As such, the determination of an area code relief plan for the 413 area code is a matter that directly affects WorldCom's interests;

WorldCom is participating as a party in Dockets 98-38 and 99-99 regarding NXX codes conservation issues, and has been granted full intervenor status in other, similar proceedings;

This petition is filed 13 days past the deadline set by the Department. WorldCom respectfully avers that given the brief period of time that has lapsed since the

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deadline, WorldCom's direct interest in this proceeding, and the fact that granting this Petition will not prejudice or otherwise adversely impact any party to, or procedural schedule concerning, this proceeding, good cause exists for granting this Petition;

For the foregoing reasons, and for the same reasons that it was granted leave to intervene in prior Departmental dockets relating to numbering relief and/or conservation issues, WorldCom will be substantially and specifically affected by the Department's review and decision in this docket.

WHEREFORE, WorldCom respectfully requests leave to intervene in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing upon each person designated on the attached service list by email and by either U.S. mail, overnight courier, or fax.

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